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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

A REPORTERS' PAPER

The San Jose Reporter, "published by members of the San Jose Newspaper Guild and the Craft Unions" since early in the long strike which has tied up the San Jose Mercury and News, is a lively competently done daily, judging by copies of the May 1 issue distributed at a Central Labor Council meeting by Guild Delegate Edna Vice.

Ten pages, containing many advertisements, and the standard number of pictures of partly undraped girls which no modern daily can live without displaying, were to be noted. Especially noteworthy was the page and a half of classified ads—quite a showing, considering the relatively brief life of the paper.

Sports page, woman's page, theater page with many ads, and so on. Most of the news, practically all of it, is naturally local. With their regular dailies out of business, the people of San Jose are hungry for the local news.

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NO EDITORIALS

One noticeable lack is an editorial column. This seems an overlooked opportunity. It would be helpful to the cause of unionism for the people of San Jose to learn that not only the owners of a paper but the men and women who work for the owners are able to produce on their own comment on public affairs which they write for the owners when conditions are what we like to call normal.

That even an editorial writer belonging to a union could write some editorials without having the owner around—that would be sump'n for folks to learn, wouldn't it? (Oakland Tribune, please copy!)

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OLD-TIME SAN JOSE

When the present writer began learning the newspaper trade in this same city of San Jose many years ago the idea of workers in the news, editorial, and advertising departments ever belonging to a union and publishing their own good daily during a strike was literally inconceivable.

But unionism, an enterprise, fundamentally, in self-government, the most difficult of all the arts, has surely made progress since then. And some of us oldtimers, who remember the "good old days" in San Jose and elsewhere, are less disturbed by the current troubles of unionism because of these memories. We watched the seed grow into the tree.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Labor's drive: Let's show one Crusade's best

Organized labor plans to enter the drive for United Crusade funds for social services this year with a determination to demonstrate that a united federated effort is the way to raise these funds.

A report by the Community Services Committee of the Central Labor Council, adopted by the delegates this week, calls for an assistant secretary of the council being assigned to coordinate the work of all unions in the drive.

In each plant and business the stewards are to set up a Crusade committee, and to invite the employer's cooperation. In the past, the employer has set up the deal, and invited the workers to cooperate.

Plans include maintaining the voluntary nature of contributions, but setting up guides as to what amount is needed if workers wish to contribute.

The Building Trades Council is being asked what its plans are.

Labor here has always insisted that a united drive is the solution of the fund raising problem, and has been concerned by the way some agencies have reverted to individual drives.

Mandatory affiliation with central body urged

The Central Labor Council has concurred in a resolution of the San Francisco Labor Council calling on the AFL-CIO to make affiliation of all AFL-CIO local unions with central labor bodies mandatory.

Bud Williams, Automotive Machinists 1546, as a member of the CLC executive committee asked to be recorded as voting against it, on the ground it opened the way for further intrusions on the autonomy of international unions and their locals.

Beer bottle in pocket and lunchbox on July 6?

Joe Canale, Bartenders 52, announced to the Central Labor Council that the Joint Culinary Board, representing his union, Cooks 228, and Culinary 31, has presented its demands for changes in the contract which expires July 6 to the 1200 restaurant and bar employers in the northern end of Alameda County.

"But we hope you won't have to come to work July 6 with a bottle of beer in your pocket and a lunchbox," said Canale.

CLC delegate seated

Lyle E. Wright, Alameda County School Employees 257, was obligated by President Russ Crowell as a delegate to the Central Labor Council this week.

Oakland: Vote Lee, Eng! Board: Mitchell, Gordon

Organized labor is backing candidates for the City Council of Oakland and for the school boards in Hayward High School District and Castro Valley Elementary District, in the elections coming up Tuesday, May 19—and that's next Tuesday!

Of tremendous importance, also, in the Oakland election, COPE declares, is the need for every labor voter to cast his or her ballot for the Oakland civic improvement measures A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

The labor backed candidates for the Oakland City Council are Edward O. (Pete) Lee, an Oakland school teacher with a distinguished academic record; and Dr. Raymond Eng, an optometrist long active in civic affairs.

In the Hayward Union High School District labor is backing the candidacy for election to the board of trustees of Leo L. Mitchell of Electrical Workers 1245.

Mitchell worked 17 years for PG&E as a lineman and line crew working foreman; and 8 years for Local 1245, starting as a field representative and rising to the post of assistant business

LABOR'S CANDIDATES AND ENDORSED BONDS IN TUESDAY ELECTION

Candidates endorsed by AFL-CIO Council on Political Education (COPE) in the Tuesday, May 19 elections:

For Oakland City Council: EDWARD O. (PETE) LEE, and DR. RAYMOND ENG.

For Oakland Civic Improvements: Measures A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

For Hayward Union High School Board: L. L. MITCHELL.

For Castro Valley Elementary District School Board: JAMES B. GORDON.

manager, which he now holds. He is a graduate of Modesto High School and gained a trade union program certificate by study at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business.

In the Castro Valley Elementary District the labor backed candidate is James B. Gordon, an officer of the Glass Bottle Blowers.

Labor representatives sat in

on the planning of the civic improvements measures on the Oakland ballot, and COPE, as well as both the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council acting separately, have strongly endorsed all the measures, holding that it is time Oakland improved its present facilities, and developed some new ones. The measures require a two-thirds vote, but will not increase the property tax rate, as part of the proceeds of the city sales tax are to be used.

Measure A improves fire protection equipment and facilities; B, a new museum center; C, Auditorium improvements; D, public libraries; E, park development; F, public playgrounds and recreation centers; G, street lighting and traffic signals.

Charles W. Metcalf and Joseph E. Smith of Citizens for Oakland Improvements stated this week that "these measures not only mean progress for Oakland, but they meet the expressed demands of the people to take care of inadequate public facilities, overcrowded and lacking in service because of an exploding population."

BTC prepares action as tight money looms again

Business Representative J. L. Childers reported at the last meeting of the Building Trades Council that the discount rate is already actually, thought not officially, 5% and that it may reach 10% by fall of this year.

"Unless Congress appropriates more money for Fannie May," said Childers, "we may again run into a tight money situation that will stop building and construction work."

Charles Roe, Carpenters 1622, who was very active in the effort here to meet the last tight money crisis which blocked building work, moved that the council proceed at once to work for a drive by building trades unions and the business interests concerned on an 11-State basis to get more funds lined up.

This motion was adopted unanimously.

"I am very much concerned about the money supply," said Roe. "I know that many of the business firms in the industry are greatly concerned. I know of one well managed business concern which has already, in expectation of a tight money supply, made arrangements to change its methods of operation. That company knows what is coming."

FEDERAL LAWS

Childers reported that at the

last meeting of the State BTC executive committee and advisory committee it was agreed that the local council's proposal for the State BTC financing a special legislative representative in Washington was to be considered thoroughly at the next meeting.

The business representative read aloud to the delegates two sections of the Kennedy-Ervin bill recently passed by the Senate and now being considered by the House. One section so read was the so-called "bill of rights" for union members, and the other was the prehire clause.

Childers reminded the delegates that the "bill of rights" section as originally introduced by Senator McClellan of Arkansas would have had a much more restrictive effect on the operation of trade unions than the section as finally adopted, and he mentioned that Senator Kuchel of California had much to do with modifying that section.

The prehire clause, which is supposed to get around the problem faced in the building industry ever since the Taft-Hartley Act was passed, due to the difficulty of holding representational elections on the innumerable transitory building jobs, was again criticized by Childers. He had said before the

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2 union teachers fired; pleas made by Ash and Stokes

Two teachers at McClymonds High School, both active members of the Teachers Union, both Negroes, have been fired, despite pleas made to Superintendent Berg in person by Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash and Teachers Union President George Stokes and before the board of Education Tuesday.

After hearing the statements of Ash and Stokes calling for completion of the 3-year probationary period the board voted to sustain Berg in firing the teachers, with Board Member John J. King voting against the majority. King is Grand Lodge representative of the International Association of Machinists.

Board Member Hilburn, elected in April with Tribune support, himself a Negro, voted to sustain the superintendent in firing the teachers, and showed no more interest in their case than other members of the majority.

Ash had told the Central Labor Council the night before that under State law the board had the legal right to fire the teachers, both still in probationary status, without any hearing, but that under the circumstances he felt he should speak up for them both to Berg and the board.

Stokes told the CLC delegates that Berg showed no comprehension of teachers' right to be represented by a union.

Vote Tuesday, May 19, for Oakland Civic Improvements A, B, C, D, E, F & G!

HOW TO BUY

To own and use a freezer

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Food-freezer plans have gotten a little more respectable now that some of the get-rich quick operators have been weeded out of the business. But even under the sponsorship of some big department stores, several aspects of high-pressure selling continue. Most importantly, the salesmen, in this writer's experience, still refuse to state the cost of food and freezer separately.

Even when customers ask for a breakdown, the salesmen insist on lumping the payments on the freezer and the price for the food in one amount, as \$25 a week, or however much you may be willing and able to pay. But if there is no breakdown, you never know how much you pay for the freezer and how much for the food. You may be paying more for each than if you shopped for the best buy in a freezer and then provisioned it with supermarket specials or bought from local suppliers who specialize in bulk quantities for freezers.

But you should examine whether the cost of owning a freezer will or will not cancel out the advantages of storing specials or buying in bulk.

Freezers have come down in price in recent years. You now can buy a 13-cubic foot chest around the \$250 mark. The fact still remains, that a separate freezer often is more of a convenience than a money-saver for many families. You are likely to save money only if you have a large family and use a freezer heavily, or live near a rural area where you can buy meat and produce in bulk at low prices or raise some of your own food for the freezer. Otherwise an adequate freezing compartment in a standard refrigerator may be more feasible. It will enable you to take advantage of cut-price meat, poultry and frozen-food specials at the stores.

Costs of owning and operating a freezer may range from 12-17 cents a pound, depending on how often you turn over the contents. Based on research by the U. S. Agriculture Department,

your true costs for owning and operating a freezer costing about \$250 and storing about 450 pounds, would run roughly for each pound of food stored about 17 cents a pound for 450 pounds a year. If you use the freezer more heavily, and turned over 675 pounds a year, your operating cost per pound would come down to about 12 cents, since most of your costs would remain the same.

The New York State Cooperative Extension Service recently compared costs of pork bought for a freezer in different ways. It costs less to buy a live hog from a packing plant and have it cut up for the freezer. Next less costly is buying a dressed carcass from a butcher or packing plant and having it processed. It costs most to buy retail pork cuts from a supermarket. The price per pound of edible meat, not counting freezing costs, came to 45, 55 and 63 cents respectively, in this survey.

Death of babes causes study

The Community Service Society of New York announces the beginning of a two-year experiment to improve maternity care and prevent the death of infants just before, during and immediately after birth.

Frank J. Hertel, general director, said the project would be carried out among 600 women applying for maternity care at Metropolitan Hospital. It will concentrate on the time between the twentieth week of pregnancy and the seventh day after birth.

According to Hertel, a steady rise in deaths in this prenatal period is causing concern.

COPE women hold classes

From Vivian Smith, Alabama State COPE Women's Activities Division Director, comes the report of a series of classes on women's activities held in connection with job steward and officer training courses in the state.

Forty women and their husbands attended the classes in the Tri-Cities area of Alabama.

In Montgomery, most of the building trades' locals have given their membership lists to the central card file of WAD.

In the Jasper area, WADs have completed their card file.

Shoes dictate stocking types

Shoes dictate stocking types. Therefore, three distinct shoe categories should be kept in mind when shopping for hose. They are the open shoe, the closed shoe and the casual walking shoe.

With the open shoe, seamed or seamless sandal stockings are the only types to consider. This hose has no heel reinforcement, and some styles are not reinforced in the toe. There is nothing more unsightly than a reinforced heel showing in a backless or slingback shoe. A point to remember when wearing an open shoe is that the heels themselves should be kept smooth with creams.

For the street or dressy closed shoe, the entire foot of the stocking, again seamed or seamless, is usually reinforced. However, the smaller the back reinforcement, the better. If no heel shows, it gives a cleaner, more flattering look to the leg. This is especially true of deep-hued stockings, for in these tones reinforcement shows up more than in neutrals.

For the walking shoe in town or country, textured stockings in heavier-than-average nylon or combinations of yarns, lisle and nonrun mesh are ideal. All have foot reinforced and most are seamless. These stockings are designed especially for wear with tweeds and shaggy coats. — N. Y. Times.

Overboiling kills flavor

Fresh green vegetables need not take on a washed-out look when cooked properly. If they are cooked until tender but still slightly crisp, and cooked under cover, they can look—and taste good enough to bring calls for second helpings.

Boiling is a very familiar and easy way to cook green vegetables, but to keep fresh color and flavor, care needs to be taken not to overcook.

For boiling, use lightly salted water—½ teaspoon salt and ½ to 1 cup water, depending on cooking time. Bring the water to a boil before adding the vegetable. After adding the vegetable, cover the pan. When the water boils again, reduce heat. Some green vegetables, such as shredded cabbage or spinach leaves, may require as little as 3 minutes to cook tender. Green Lima beans may take 20 to 30 minutes, snap beans 15 to 30 minutes. — California Farmer.

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That greenish potato tint

The greenish cast that appears occasionally on store-bought potatoes is harmless, according to researchers at Cornell. The color is caused by chlorophyll that forms when the tubers are exposed to artificial light.

Dwain D. Gull and Prof. F. M. Isenberg, vegetable crop specialists who conducted the research, could find no difference in quality between green and nongreen potatoes.

Laboratory tests were conducted to determine the effect on potatoes of light intensities and protective containers, such as plastic bags. It was determined that the older a potato is the less the greening develops. The researchers also concluded that plastic bags, whether clear or colored, offered no significant protection against greening.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

THE OTHER DAY on the front page of what in this area we call with jeering respect The Paper there was a big headline, "Mother waits as friend kills two children: couple say 2 boys were 'a bother.'" Then right under the big headline was a picture of a distinguished looking woman, captioned "The mother."

So one looked to learn more about this distinguished looking murderer of her children, and found, as the editor had doubtless intended, that the picture was not of the wicked mother, but of Mrs. Jennie L. Barron, a Massachusetts Superior Court judge, who has been named "American Mother of 1959."

Mrs. Barron, mother of three, is known in her courthouse, it seems, as "the judge with a heart."

THE TWO EXTREMES in the conduct of mothers could surely not be demonstrated more dramatically than they were on that front page.

The mother who let her lover kill two of her children because they had reached "the curtain-climbing age" and were "a bother," and the woman chosen by the American Mothers Committee because she had taken good and loving care of her three children while advancing to high honor in the legal profession!

FEW OF US have met mothers who have their children killed because they're a bother, but many of us have seen mothers who evaded responsibility for their children very early in the children's lives.

Fortunately, too, many of us have seen mothers who to us seemed worthy to be known as the Mother of the Year, and possibly as the Mother of the Century.

Milk cartons can be stored

If you have several cartons of fresh milk on hand—too much to hold safely in the refrigerator for several weeks, why not place them in the freezer? Freezing does not adversely affect the nutritional value of whole, homogenized milk. It may produce a very slight, almost unnoticeable flaky condition, on the sides of a tumbler but this does not in any way change the flavor of the milk. Paper cartons in which you purchase milk, having ample headspace for expansion, are suitable as freezing containers. You can store such milk up to one month.

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Mboya, leader of African labor, in Bay Area meetings

By DAVID KLUGMAN

Africa is exploding into the turmoil of the 20th century. The last few years have seen 9 countries achieve independence. Three more are scheduled for 1960: Somaliland, Camerouns and Nigeria. New countries produce new leaders and outstanding among them is a 28 year old trade-unionist from Kenya, Tom Mboya.

Tom, the son of illiterate peasants, brought up by missionaries, educated at Oxford, secretary-general of Kenya's Labor Federation, is now touring the United States. He is a member of Kenya's legislature, the head of the African-Asian section of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and, conceivably, a future prime minister of Kenya.

Articulate, soft spoken yet emphatic and sincere, he repeatedly brought the audience to its feet for thunderous ovations, when he spoke at the 3rd Baptist Church in San Francisco recently.

His ideas are best expressed in his own words:

"The test of independence is not literacy, it is dignity.

"Do we have to import 2 or 3 shiploads of Communism in order to see emergency help rush in from the Western powers? We don't want emergency help, but rational help leading toward independence.

"We don't require refrigerators as long as our people don't have the food that goes into refrigerators.

"Why is it that old countries can make as many mistakes as they choose, but let a new country make just one mistake and the world press will headline: 'We told you it would not work.'

"Little Rock and Mississippi are not purely American problems but they do undermine the moral authority with which this country could ordinarily speak.

"We concede that the West is technically ahead of us and that after independence we shall require technical assistance, but independence comes first so that we may walk our streets and till our fields holding our heads high. Africa has received much but has also given much, for, without the Africans, not one ounce of any product could have been extracted from our soil."

Tom Mboya also spoke at the University of California and Stanford.

ANTI-PROP. 18 campaign expense is all paid, and the books are cleared, now that the last union still owing on its pledged contribution has paid in, announced Secretary Robert S. Ash at the CLC meeting.

Labor relations conference May 25

The tenth annual conference on labor relations and arbitration will be held at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco May 25-26.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council is one of the groups cooperating with the UC Institute of Industrial Relations in the conference.

C. R. Bartalini, member of Carpenters 36, and secretary of the Bay Counties District Council, will participate in the hours of work discussion.

Edward Reith, business representative, East Bay Municipal Workers, will take part in the discussion of labor relations in public agencies.

Many other speakers and discussants are scheduled.

UC announces that the registration for one day is \$12.50 and for two days is \$22.

The opening session is at 9 a.m. Monday, May 25.

KTVU one of 80 U. S. TV outlets showing AFLCIO's "Americans at Work"

KTVU, Channel 2, is one of three television stations in California carrying the AFLCIO series, "Americans at Work."

The station shows the programs at 10:15 a.m. Sundays, according to the AFLCIO.

The 20 program series started January 25. Programs still to be shown cover the rubber workers, railroad freight workers, hotel and restaurant workers, meat cutters, street car and bus workers and government workers.

According to the AFLCIO, "Americans at Work" is being programmed by the United States Information Agency in 23 countries and by the Armed Forces Television Service at 26 overseas bases.

Eighty domestic television stations are showing the series.

PG&E campaign urges care near power lines

A new public education campaign to cut down on injuries and deaths resulting from carelessness around high voltage lines has been launched by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Its slogan is: "Look up and look out for power lines."

The PG&E is placing public service advertisements in labor and farm publications throughout northern and central California.

The first advertisement urges caution by crane crews. Later ads will call for care by other construction and do-it-yourself workers.

Demand the Union Label!

FEP referendum now has title, and needs to get 262,789 good signatures

Sponsors of a move to block the California fair employment practices bill enacted into law just recently secured a title and summary of the measure from the Attorney General's office to put the anti-discrimination act to a referendum vote.

The move was immediately unmasked by the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices, chief sponsors of the new law, as an irresponsible effort on the part of a few individuals who do not enjoy the support of responsible businessmen or any other respected group in California.

The referendum petition would require 262,789 signatures of registered voters to be certified by the secretary of the state by the 19th of September in order to postpone the effective date of the FEP act, and place it on the November 1960 general election ballot.

C. J. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation AFLCIO, predicted in Sacramento that the referendum is doomed to fail.—State Fed Newsletter.

Former Mayor Smith is appointed as appraiser

Joseph E. Smith, former Mayor of Oakland, and in the last State election campaign chairman of the Citizens Committee Against Proposition 18, has been appointed an inheritance tax appraiser by State Controller Alan Cranston.

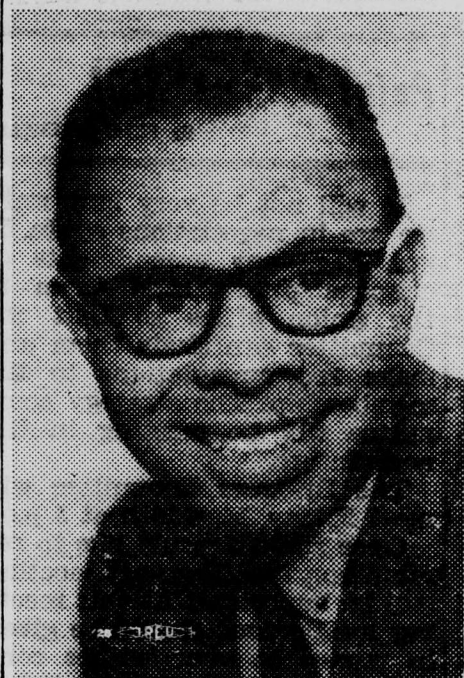
Just send five dollars for no special reason!

Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council told the delegates this week that the Trade Union Courier of New York City, often denounced by the AFLCIO, was once more phoning local business men long distance and sending them "statements" for ads not ordered.

Ash said those who send money on such a basis are like some people who sent five dollars in response to an ad which simply said, "Send five dollars to Box No. So and So, Los Angeles."

15th AD DEMO Club will maintain a staff at Demo headquarters, 2105 MacArthur, this weekend to mobilize precinct workers. Labor people are urged to report.

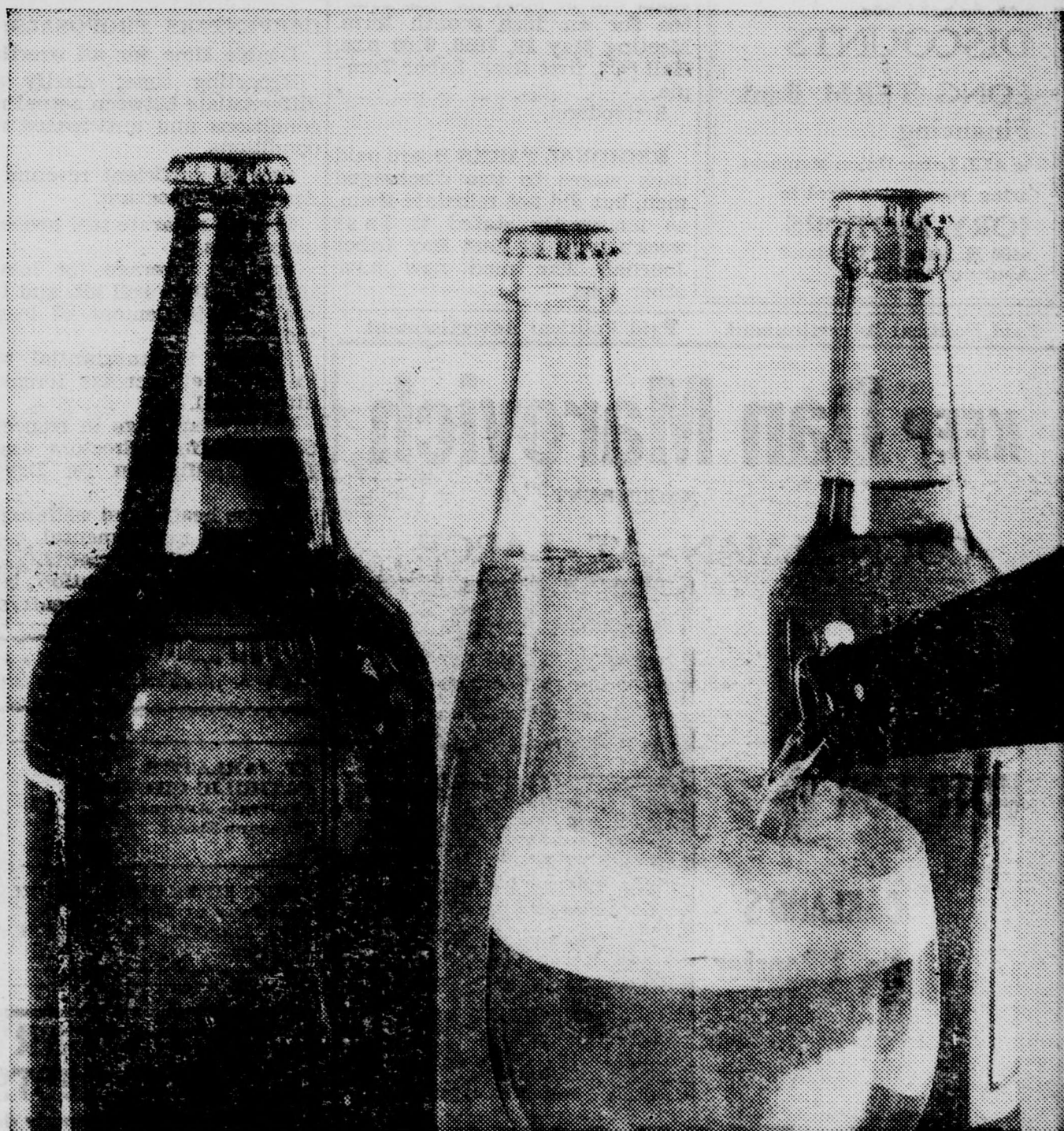
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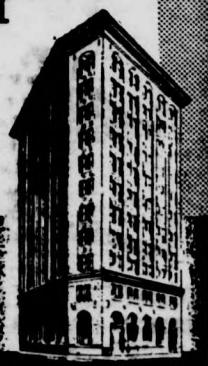
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By JIM MARTIN

Due to the small attendance at our last meeting, President Gibson postponed the reports of the delegates who attended the convention of the California Pipe Trades Council, held recently in San Diego. He announced that our next meeting to be held May 21 will be a special called meeting to hear convention reports and to act on the resolutions submitted at our last meeting.

There are five resolutions to be acted upon. The first resolution pertains to connecting pension plan monies to the Credit Union. The second resolution requests that the by-laws be changed, whereby the board of trustees would administer the pension plan along with our present health and welfare, apprenticeship and journeyman training program. The third resolution pertains also to a change in our bylaws relative to the election of business agents. The fourth resolution is to do away with non-attendance assessments. The fifth resolution provides that any time the general membership receives a wage increase the monthly dues would be increased thirty cents per month per member, effective date the same as that of the wage increase.

You can readily see that these resolutions are very important. We are respectfully requesting that you make it a point to be present at this meeting.

The joint apprenticeship committee has announced that apprentices George Barber and Thomas Dulle are 5th and 4th year local pipefitter winners in the contest just completed. They will represent Local 342 at the

State contest to be held June 10, 11 and 12, 1959 at Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo. The 5th-year Pipefitter and Plumber winners of the contest will represent the State of California at the international contest, sponsored by the United Association, to be held at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. We wish to take this opportunity to wish our apprentices George Barber and Thomas Dulle good luck in this contest.

The joint board of trustees, at their meeting held May 5, 1959, announced that they were submitting this union's health and welfare plan to legitimate insurance companies for bids. Also, any member of this union may submit an insurance company of their choice and the name of this insurance company must be in the union office or the Trust Fund office, 478 Valencia Street, San Francisco, not later than 5 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, May 19, 1959.

Paint Makers' 1101

By PETE CEREMELLO

It will not be very long until we are in negotiations again. If you have any amendments or changes please send them to the union office so that the Committee can study them and make recommendations to the membership. The strategy committee will be meeting in the near future.

The By-Laws Committee will meet Friday, May 15th at 8 p.m.

Once again I would like to remind you that the next meeting will be important. At this meeting instructions should be given in regard to your wishes concerning whether you want to become beneficial members or not should this matter again come before the convention.

Also please note that nominations will be open for one Trustee for an 18th month term. Meeting May 19, 1959, 8:00 p.m. Hall "C", first floor, Labor Temple.

Arrivederci.

REGIONAL PARKS Board paid back wages to two discharged men, but did not reinstate them, as incorrectly stated in last week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal. The men now have other jobs.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

In many homes throughout the land our union members sit. With eyes upon a picture tube, they're hypnotized a bit. Absorbed in shadows they fall asleep. Awake, to stare again. Now honestly, can these things be our so called "thinking" men?

We did some research last week on why a thinking man thinks. We found out it was because he couldn't thwim.

Carl Larson died April 30th at 12:55 noon. His Social Security check for April had to be returned by his widow because he didn't die at 12:55 midnight. Laws are flexible depending upon the degree of influence available. We contacted the Community Services representative, and the Local Social Security Office, and our influence is nil.

Amending the law to provide a prorated payment to the widow when a recipient dies is very little to ask for. Unless we ask, our widows will not receive. Ladies, you need and are affected by this request. Why not write to your legislators today? Do it now while you're thinking about it.

Have you seen the ads in the newspapers proclaiming the steelworkers as the highest paid workers in the world? Do you think you are getting too much

money? If you are, you don't need our union. We showed the ad to our insurance agent, he wanted his payment anyway. So did the PG&E, and the Telephone Company. Where the ad stated Steel Companies needed profits to expand and create job opportunities; they are presently enjoying the greatest profits of their time, with fewer men, producing more steel. Where are the job opportunities for the more than fifty thousand unemployed steelworkers? How much more profit do they need?

Carpenters Auxiliary

By JULIA SJOBERG

The social at the home of Alta Benonys, 1613 Bonita Avenue, Berkeley, April 10, was enjoyed by: Eleanore Clapp, Jean Moss, Julia Sjoborg, Agnes Anderson, Diana Holder, Erna Jenkins, Bea Cameron, Tress Flanagan, Annie Elvin and Wava Barber.

May 8 was social night at the home of Agnes Anderson, 2245 Ransom Avenue at 8 p.m.

May 14 is sewing night at the home of Eleanore Clapp, 2416 Potter Street at 8 p.m.

May 16 will be a whist party at the home of Bea Cameron, 3108 Coolidge Avenue at 7:30.

May 16 will be a Birthday Dinner at the C. P. O. Club at Treasure Island. For reservation, call Alta Benonys T H O R N W A L L 8-7623. Time: 7 p.m.

THE CARPENTERS STORY

By CHARLES ROE, Conference Board Member, Bay District Council of Carpenters

Your Conference Board held their first meeting with the employers on Thursday, May 7, 1959.

The basic proposals and counter proposals are as follows:

CARPENTERS PROPOSALS:

Double time for all overtime. Reporting time; clarify and differentiate between actual rain conditions and anticipated rain conditions.

Provide sufficient revenue for Apprentice Program.

Provide separate tool house for carpenters.

Provide coverage for loss of tools less than full kit, and time limit for settlement of loss of tools.

Provide for substantial wage increase; increase foreman's differential.

Clarify language in respect to Steel Scaffold Erectors and a new classification for Drywall men.

Revise health and welfare plan to provide supplemental coverage and weekly benefits.

Provide hospitalization benefits for pensioned carpenters.

Increase vacation plan contributions.

Provide protection for Job Stewards.

Provide payment of Parking Fees in congested areas.

Provide Checks or Statements showing all deductions, contributions and other pertinent information for each payroll period.

Setup sub-committee to provide for special conditions for Millwrights.

Clarify Maintenance Carpenters coverage, etc.

EMPLOYERS' PROPOSALS:

Clarify language in respect to steel scaffold erectors and hardwood floor layers.

Reconsideration of the Vacation Plan.

Review hiring clause.

Amend Section XIV pertaining to subcontracting and contracting.

Further progress reports will be made in this column as they become available. Your attendance at your local union meetings will provide you with the details.

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Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

First May meeting called to order by President Myrtus Neyhouse. Attendance could have been better but so many of our members are either ill or just recovering from illness. Past President Trellis Wharry is still confined to her home though the last time I talked to her she was feeling somewhat better. Sister Florence Meade is still quite ill. Chaplain Margaret Copeland is quite ill with an infection and may have to be hospitalized. Treasurer Katie Stewart has had all her toofies out and is having a rough time. Sisters Opal Lawrence and Marie Dixon were both quite ill with the virus flu. Sister Mary De Barnabo is home from the hospital and feeling some better but may have to have more X-rays.

Our next meeting night, the third Thursday in May, will be our birthday, and our Vice President Noell and her committee have planned for a large evening and so all of you who have been rather lax in attending meetings, plan to come and enjoy yourselves. I know that President Myrtus would be very pleased to have a large gathering and I think that we owe it to her to be there if possible.

Start hunting for white elephants as there will be a white elephant sale social night in June.

The sewing club which this year are sewing for charity donations accomplished quite a little at the meeting held at Sister Lear's home, the next meeting to be at our vice president's home May 19, 10:30 a.m.

The past presidents motored over to Brother Sam and Sister Nellie Blanford's home in San Francisco last Friday night and had a wonderful time. Ooohmm such eats which we all did justice to, after which Nellie took us for a tour of the tract in which they live, which we all enjoyed so much. Brother Sam looks fine and says he feels much better though he is not too happy about his having to be on a diet.

According to statistics our auxiliary has dropped down from first place to fourth place in membership in the I. A. of Machinists auxiliaries. That's not good and we should do something about it so if you have any prospects who might be interested in joining up with us, get busy on them.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held June 4, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 1158

Now meets in the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, California.

Meeting nights are the first and third Mondays of each month.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Attention, members! Election to be held Friday, May 22, 1959. Polls will be open from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.

We will be electing 2 delegates out of five nominated to represent our Local at our International convention to be held August 31, 1959.

We will also elect two out of four nominated for Business Representative to be placed on the District Council 16 ballot in June.

There will be no regular meeting on this important election night. The Executive Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. to take care of any business needed to be acted on.

Let all of you take a few minutes to cast a ballot for the candidates you feel are the best qualified. You may vote any time between the hours of 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, 1959 at 2051 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley.

Fraternally yours,
CLARENCE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

Regular meeting still to occur of Local 823 for the month of May at the union headquarters: May 19, 8 p.m.

Special order of business at all of the regular meetings in May will be for consideration of amendments to the local by-laws. It is important that you attend one of these meetings.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The meeting of Auto & Ship Painters 1176 to be held May 19 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, is a special called meeting to elect two delegates to the international convention. The polls will be open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Everyone is urged to participate in this election, as the international convention establishes regulations for the ensuing year.

Yours fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

Attention all members:

A special called meeting will be held Friday, May 22, 1959, at 8 p.m. in Hall "A", Labor Temple.

The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss negotiations for a new agreement.

This will be an important meeting, all members are respectfully requested to attend.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

TEACHERS 771

The membership will meet May 14, at 4:00 p.m. at the Retail Food Clerks' Hall on Foothill Blvd. near Havenscourt. At this important meeting we will nominate and elect our officers for next year. Be sure to attend.

Fraternally,
GEORGE STOKES,
Executive Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings for the month of May will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, each Friday at 8 p.m.

The Friday, May 22 meeting at 8 p.m. is also a special called meeting, called for by a resolution to consider the possibility and advisability of placing a second business representative in the field by a vote at the June election of officers.

The Blood Bank of Local 1622 has been exhausted. As usual, the local will pay \$15.00 to members wishing to donate blood; contact the office of the financial secretary for appointment.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 1959 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

1. We will have the regular order of business.

2. There will be reports from your delegates to the State Pipe Trades convention.

3. Your business manager will give the first report on pensions.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Yours fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next two meetings of your local are Special Called, Thursday, May 14, and the 28th. The meeting of May 14th the following business will be taken up. (1) To nominate 2 candidates for Business Representative for District Council No. 16; (2) To nominate 1 candidate for Executive Secretary for District Council No. 16; (3) To nominate 3 delegates to the International Convention, to be held in Cleveland during the month of September.

The meeting of May 28th the following business will be acted upon: (1) To elect one Business Representative to run in the over all election in the District Council No. 16 election; (2) To elect 1 candidate to run in the District Council election, for the Executive Secretary of the Council; (3) To elect 3 delegates to the International Convention

These are two very important meetings, so please make an attempt to come down. Also by the time of these meetings there should be some report on the progress in our negotiations of our new agreement.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th St., Oakland, California.

The meeting of Friday, May 29, will be dispensed with as it is the Memorial Day week-end, and as a consequence of this the awards of two pairs of overalls and the \$25.00 will be made on Friday at 8 p.m. May 22, 1959.

The Stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., May 21, 1959.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., May 27, 1959.

As a reminder to all members the first meeting in June will be the nomination of officers and delegates to three councils to be followed one week later with the election of officers and delegates for 1959.

The Credit Union Treasurer is on hand to do business every Friday night, and he will be in the office every Monday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

The next meeting of Steamfitters Union 342 to be held on May 21, 1959, will be a special called meeting to hear reports of the California Pipe Trades Council's delegates and to act on resolutions presented at our last membership meeting.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Death Assessment No. 435 is now due and payable. Local No. 216's Brother, Charles E. Haynes, No. 158840, passed away on March 4, 1959.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Meeting Friday, May 22, 1959, 8 p.m. at 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, Oakland.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night, May 15, another special meeting will follow the regular one. We will elect three delegates to attend the convention of our international to be held in Cleveland, Ohio beginning August 31; and elect two candidates to run for Business Agent of District Council No. 16, and one to run for Executive Secretary of the same body.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Special meeting of the Executive Board, Stewards and Committees. Saturday, May 16th at 9:30 a.m. This is important to our negotiations. A roll call of Officers and Shops will be made.

Regular meeting Thursday, May 21, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

S. F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at Key System Bldg. 410 - 11th Street, Oakland, California on Sunday afternoon, May 17, 1959 at 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
HORACE W. STAFFORD,
Secretary

Freedom surveyors for ILO guests of officers of CLC

Two members of the International Labor Organization's Freedom of Association Survey were guests of Central Labor Council officers recently: Edward Thompson of England and Gerald von Potofsky of Argentina.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash showed them in the course of their visit the plant of East Bay Labor Journal, and they turned over files of the paper to get an idea of the run of events here and of the policy of the labor organizations in this area.

There are four men engaged in the freedom of association survey in the United States, and the group is headed by John Price, chief of the ILO freedom of association survey project, which is a new one for the ILO.

"Recognition of the principle of freedom of association" is cited in the preamble to the ILO's constitution as one of the organization's objectives. In 1948, a Freedom of Association Convention was adopted by the ILO which defined it as the freedom of workers and employers "to establish and join organizations of their own choosing". This Convention has been ratified by 36 countries.

The survey will seek to determine how much freedom of association there is in the various ILO member countries "in fact as well as in law." Russia will be visited during the inquiry.

The ILO, whose headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland, is a specialized agency associated with the United Nations. Its unique feature is that it is "tripartite", bringing together not only the delegates of governments but also the representatives of employers and workers. Its basic objective is to work for a lasting peace based on social justice, and it concerns itself primarily with economic and social questions affecting labor and management and the promotion of cooperation as between labor and management.

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Annual apprentice graduation June 1; chairmen listed

Date for the 12th annual East Bay apprenticeship ceremony has been announced.

The ceremony will be held June 1 at the Castlewood Country Club. Nearly 250 new journeymen and guests will attend the dinner program.

William Spaulding, chairman of the Electricians Joint Apprenticeship Committee, has been named general chairman.

William Stumpf, international representative for the Steelworkers and a member of the Machinists Joint Apprenticeship Committee, has been elected secretary.

General treasurer and finance chairman is Gordon Littman, an apprenticeship coordinator and representative of eight general contractors' organizations.

Working chairmen are: Harry Lear, business agent for Automotive Machinists 1546, program; William Phalanger, financial secretary and treasurer of Roofers 81, participation; Earl Moore, financial secretary and treasurer of Oakland Typographical 36, publicity, and George Bendell, glass company proprietor, auditorium.

Serving as consultants are representatives of the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards, U. S. Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, and participating school districts.

Ex-officio members of the executive committee are S. E. Thornton, business manager of Butchers 120, and J. A. Stinson, executive secretary of the General Contractors and Builders Association.

Tricky questions: labor is warned

Labor people are warned by Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, that they will soon be receiving tricky questionnaires from the NAM and other "friends of labor" and will be asked to mark the document, sign their name and give their address.

These tricky questions will be asked about a so-called "bill of rights" for labor, freeing union members from the domination of "labor bosses," but so framed that the questions seem innocent on the surface.

The campaign is an effort to get the "right to work" breaking down union security back on the ballot.

Dock automation remedy discussed

The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the employers' Pacific Maritime Association, according to Jack Howard, labor editor of the Chronicle, are weighing a plan to provide guaranteed annual wages to longshoremen, with employers permitted "unlimited freedom to cut jobs with labor-saving devices."

As employers introduced labor-saving devices, crews would be reduced in size, and some eliminated entirely, but employers would be required to pay into a special fund the equivalent hourly wages of the men displaced by the machines.

Harry Bridges, head of the union, and J. Paul St. Sure, head of the employers group, are engaged in the negotiations.



LET PUBLIC KNOW—A consumer education campaign in front of Sattlers, Inc., Buffalo, N. Y., acquaints the public with the Clothing Workers' fight against non-union clothing produced by the Piedmont Shirt Co. of Greenville, N. C. Volunteer pickets include members of the ACWA and UAW from Buffalo.

Special community days at the Alameda Co. Fair

Communities from throughout Alameda County will be honored at special dedication days during the 1959 Alameda County Fair. The traditional 14-day exposition will open June 29 and run through July 12 at Pleasanton.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Service committee for Textile strikers busy

Textile Workers on strike at the F. Burkhardt Co. plant of the Textron national concern here are making good progress in setting up a community services committee to mobilize the services of various social agencies for those who are eligible for them, reports Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Arthur Hellender.

Retired chefs do cooking, Detroit, with union okay

Sometimes a man welcomes retirement to "go fishing," only to discover later he made a mistake. Fishing turns out to be not what he wanted. He'd rather be working. So Cooks Local 234, Detroit, has altered its retirement scheme to permit such a member to go back to the job.

Roger Foster, secretary of the union, who says about 80 of the city's chefs are presently on the retired list, explained their method this way:

Under the plan a man of 65, or a woman of 62, with 10 consecutive years' service prior to his retirement, who is presently drawing Social Security and not working at the trade, can come out of retirement and go back to work.

Such a member must file with the union an affidavit to the effect that he meets these requirements.

Local 234's retired members pay \$1.50 a month in dues. Their union makes up the difference to keep in force their insurance, a \$500 local union death gratuity, as well as meeting per capita obligations to the International to safeguard its \$200 death benefit.

Foster said members who continue to meet the requirements may retire a second time and still return to work.

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Homldahl would outlaw Oakland's secret meetings

The state law banning secret meetings of public bodies would be specifically extended to Oakland and other chartered cities under a bill introduced in the State Senate by Senator John W. Holmdahl (D., Oakland).

"Public business should be conducted in public," Senator Holmdahl declared. "The public has a right to have the discussions and deliberations of its legislative agencies, as well as their final decisions, made at the established places at the established times. Neither discussions, deliberations, nor final actions should be made behind closed doors."

"Furthermore, are not residents of chartered cities, such as Oakland, just as entitled to be informed on public matters as are residents of general law cities? Enactment of this bill will clearly express the legislative intent that the Brown Act, passed in 1953, applies to chartered cities," he continued.

"This act recites the need for the public to remain informed, and requires all meetings of legislative bodies to be open to the public and to be held at established times and places," he said.

"Unfortunately, the Oakland city attorney has ruled that the Brown Act does not apply to the City of Oakland because it is a chartered city. Thus, meetings of the city council in the mayor's office or in a private social club, for example have been justified as not being illegal. The Legislature should explicitly provide that agencies of chartered cities must comply with the same requirements for open meetings as do other public bodies," Senator Holmdahl concluded.

Senator Holmdahl was an Oakland City Councilman before his election to the State Senate last year.

Angelo in classic steel tug of war

Joe Angelo, treasurer of the Central Labor Council, has been granted two months leave of absence, as he is participating in the national negotiations of the Steelworkers with Big Steel.

The negotiations this year are attracting much attention, as Big Steel is pouring out propaganda which the Steelworkers have been trying to counter with facts and figures in advertisements in key papers all over the country.



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BTC prepares action as tight money again menaces building

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clause was adopted that although it is backed by the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Department, its effect may be adverse to bona fide trade unions.

Under the prehire clause it stands now in the Kennedy-Ervin bill, Childers fears, any kind of an anti-union outfit might make a deal with a contractor before a job starts under which members of legitimate established unions would be compelled to join the anti-union outfit within seven days after going to work, or be fired. In short, Childers figures the clause might be made to operate as a travesty on true union security.

Another bill introduced by Congressman George P. Miller at the request of the Building Service Employees, which would give its members the same protection of wage standards and types of material on which work is done that is given building trades workers under the Davis-Bacon Act, was also discussed.

At present the bill is in the form of an amendment to the Davis-Bacon Act, but Congressman Miller is willing to consider some other approach. Childers said that while the principle of the bill is sound, it is a question whether it would not be safer for all concerned to have it put in a separate bill rather than as an amendment to the Davis-Bacon Act.

STATE LAWS

Childers said that there are some 300 bills before the State Legislature which affect building tradesmen in one way or another. The recent State BTC executive and advisory committees' meeting got a first report from its legislative representative on how things were going in Sacramento. This man, who represents the Engineers, and handles State BTC work on a part time basis, works out of State Federation Secretary Haggerty's office.

The money from the one cent additional per capita to the State BTC which finances this work is coming in quite well, said

Childers, and on the whole the system was satisfactory, though he felt by the next session of the Legislature more complete protection in Sacramento was needed.

AFLCIO NEWS

Copies of the AFLCIO News, official weekly of the AFLCIO mailed out from Washington all over the country, were distributed, and Childers said he read it every week, considered it invaluable for any union officers or members who wished to know what was going on in the world of labor, and urged that delegates subscribe to it.

EMPLOYERS UNITING

One of the delegates called attention to stories in the daily press of employers in the building industry forming new and larger combinations to negotiate with the unions. Childers and Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36, agreed that this tendency was growing stronger, and Bartolini traced the history of it during the past few years. Childers remarked that he believed that within five to ten years one negotiator would represent all building employers in all Northern California.

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, commented that this would mean "no more singleshooting," no more signing of agreements with some employers while a strike was on, and so keeping many men at work during a strike.

VETERANS' CHRISTMAS

President Joseph Pruss, who annually represents the BTC on the Veterans' Hospital Christmas Committee, briefly summarized the report of that committee. A fuller account of this will be printed by East Bay Labor Journal.

BASEBALL SPONSORSHIP

Unions were urged to hurry their contributions to the Young America Baseball League, as the program starts in June. Last year nine unions affiliated with the council sponsored teams, and it is hoped more will do so this year.

Goodwin weather shifts after that CLC letter!

William Stumpf of the Steelworkers told the Central Labor Council that until management of Goodwin of California, Inc., got a letter from the CLC executive committee inviting it to appear before the committee to explain itself, there was no prospect of a settlement, but immediately after that, the weather changed, and a good settlement was reached.

"The one worry of the manager then seemed to be that he might still have to appear before the committee," said Stumpf.

Edna Lallement getting over injuries from fall

Edna Lallement, president of Building Service Employees 18, first vice president and member of the executive committee of the Central Labor Council, after ten days in the hospital as the result of injuries suffered in a fall, is now out of town recuperating.

Assemblyman Nick Petris will speak here Sunday

Assemblyman Nick Petris will address his supporters at the Diamond Broiler, 2100 MacArthur Boulevard on Sunday, May 17, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. This opportunity to hear Assemblyman Petris is sponsored by the 15th Assembly District Democratic Club.

Mel Thompson better

Mel Thompson, senior business agent, Machinists District Lodge 115, who has been ill in hospital, returned home this week, and was said to be improving rapidly.

Demand the Union Label!

NAACP award fete to be held May 22

Final plans for the Berkeley Branch NAACP Membership Award Banquet have been completed for Friday evening, May 22, 7:00 p.m. in the University Room of the Shattuck Hotel, Shattuck and Allston Way in Berkeley.

Many notables, including representatives from the Governor's office, the Mayor of Berkeley, Kent Pursel of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, Mrs. Bernice May of the Berkeley City Council and other officials will be in attendance.

The principal speaker will be William Becker, Secretary of the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices.

Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Fred Stripp.

Awards in the form of individual trophies will be presented for most money and most memberships in the drive, the trophies donated by Dr. Joel E. Lewis co-chairman of the event.

Tickets to the banquet are \$5.00 with individual as well as group and club table reservations still available. Persons wishing reservations should contact chairman Mary Jane Johnson, Rumford's Pharmacy, Reid's Records or Dr. Joel Lewis before the final date.

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Vote Tuesday! Elect Lee and Eng! YES for bonds!

Next Tuesday, May 19, the Oakland voters who are members of labor unions and who are duly registered, will have a great deal to do with determining whether the Oakland City Council is to have two new members who represent the interests of the majority of the people of this city.

If Edward O. (Pete) Lee and Dr. Raymond Eng are elected to the City Council next Tuesday, we can be sure that we have two people there who are not subject to the dictates of the Tribune Tower.

Also, if the labor people turn out next Tuesday and vote for the civic improvement bonds the way they should, in their own interest as citizens and taxpayers, we can be sure that Oakland does not remain what some irreverent soul has called the "best lighted cemetery in the United States," but a forward looking city with appropriate facilities for serving and recreating the spirits of its citizens.

Paul L. Jones of Laborers 304 doesn't claim to be an expert on the arts, but he told the Building Trades Council recently that while serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee which recommended these civic improvements he was amazed to discover that Oakland already possesses masterpieces of art, so considered by the experts, which have to be hidden away in hallways for the simple reason that there is no proper place to exhibit them.

And meanwhile, as Brother Jones says, Oaklanders go to San Francisco to the museums there, thinking that is the only city in the area which owns masterpieces.

It is the same with other great assets which Oakland possesses. They are hidden under a bushel in defiance of the Biblical warning against this. The passing of the bonds will do much to remedy this.

We urge all our labor people to vote next Tuesday for Lee and Eng and for the civic improvement bonds.

Consumer Counsel: tough job

When the bill creating the new office of State Consumer Counsel passed the Assembly last week, the Democrats voted solidly for it, but only two Republicans did so. It is possible that the strong Republican opposition to the bill, which some of their speakers denounced as an "obvious fraud," and a "boon-doggling project," may be credited to mere partisanship: since it was proposed by a Democratic Governor, then it was no good!

However, it is in the nature of things that Republicans, more tender toward the Madison Avenue suede shoe boys, would be less interested in protecting the consumer than many of the Democrats. This does not mean that all the Democrats who voted for it in the Senate, where it passed some time ago, or in the Assembly last week, are enthusiastically in favor of genuine protection for the consumer. Many Democrats doubtless voted for it for purely partisan reasons; other Democrats, as the going gets tough in the carrying out of the purposes of the measure, will have a change of heart. Still and all, it is natural that it should be the Democrats, rather than the Republicans, who should make at least a gesture against leaving the consumer entirely to the mercy of the big national advertisers, the larger exploitative interests which contribute the bulk of campaign money to the GOP.

A very large proportion of consumers are working people, and many of them are of course members of unions. But just as one cannot be too sure that the Democrats as such will stand firm when the going gets tough on protecting the consumer, so one can't be too sure about many of our own union people.

Many labor unions represent workers in industries and businesses which have various price fixing arrangements which the workers as well as management and ownership have come to think of as part of the dictates of Heaven, by no means to be disturbed or even critically examined. American labor—and this is notorious in Europe—is producer-minded, rather than consumer-minded. The failure of American labor to back consumer cooperatives is the standard proof of this.

We agree with Governor Brown, that the woman who takes this new office must be willing to "fight for the consumer in every hearing room in Sacramento and before every regulatory agency in the State."

Nor are we willing to predict how much success she'll have, no matter how hard she fights. But she may at the very least force a lot of us labor people to rethink the question of whether our interest lies mainly in backing our employers, bent on exploiting the consumer, or with our own pocketbooks.

That's No Cooked Goose



SOME OF MAIN CLAUSES IN SENATE LABOR BILL

Following is the AFLCIO News summary of the provisions covering corruption and racketeering, ethical practices, and a "bill of rights" for union members in the Kennedy-Ervin bill passed by the Senate but not yet considered by the House:

CORRUPTION AND RACKETEERING—Union officials or employees must report to the Labor Department any of six specified financial transactions which may constitute a conflict of interest with their union duties. Employers must report any loan or expenditure which requires a report from a union official under this provision. Loans of more than \$1500 from union treasuries to officials are forbidden, and loans of any amount from an employer to a representative of his workers are made illegal. A person charged with violating provisions of this law may not have his defense financed or fines paid by his union or employer but may be reimbursed if acquitted.

Persons convicted of certain named serious felonies are barred from union office or responsible employment for five years. Persons convicted of violating provisions of this law are barred for five years.

Embezzlement of union funds by any person is made a federal crime. So is "shakedown" picketing to extort a bribe for an individual rather than to obtain a legitimate union contract. Taft-Hartley bans on the giving or acceptance of money or other things of value, between employers and employees, are broadened and tightened.

Improper loading fees demanded by unions of interstate truckers are forbidden.

Union officials must be bonded and they are defined as being in a "relationship of trust" and "responsible in a fiduciary capacity" for union money and property "notwithstanding any exculpatory clauses or action purporting to exempt (them) from such responsibility."

Craze for education

Athens (in ancient times) was full of educational fervor.

Such times come for the most part when there is an increasing lack of confidence in the state. If people feel that things are going from bad to worse and look at the new generation to see if they can be trusted to take charge among such dangers, they invariably conclude that they cannot and that these irresponsible young people have not been trained properly.

Then the cry goes up, "What is wrong with our education?" and many answers are always forthcoming. — Edith Hamilton, in Harper's Magazine.

"BILL OF RIGHTS" — An amendment sponsored by Senator John L. McClellan (D., Ark.), as modified with McClellan's concurrence after a more sweeping version had been temporarily approved, deals with rights and privileges of union members.

Free speech for union members and a right to assemble freely with other members are asserted. The right of unions to regulate the conduct of meetings and to restrain conduct interfering with proper union business is recognized.

Dues changes may be instituted only by secret ballot of the members or by a convention after 30-day notice.

The obligation of a union not to limit the rights of members to sue, testify or seek relief of grievances is asserted. An employer or employer association is forbidden to finance or encourage directly or indirectly, any suit or action referred to.

Due process, including written charges and a fair hearing, is required for members before they may be disciplined.

Any provision of a union constitution or bylaws in conflict with the "bill of rights" is declared void, and the federal courts are authorized to receive suits alleging conflicts.

ETHICAL PRACTICES — A policy declaration favors ethical practice codes for unions and for employer associations. An Advisory Committee on Ethical Practices, including labor, management and public representatives, is established. A report on ethical practice codes is required from the Secretary of Labor after three years.

The green button

Whenever you visit a restaurant, please be sure to look for the green union button of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees, AFLCIO, which is proudly worn by every union waitress and waiter. You earn your pay as a union man, and it's wise and proper to take care to spend money as a union man should. Tell the members of your family, your friends and neighbors that they will get efficient, pleasant service and better value when they patronize unionized restaurants. The waitresses and waiters who belong to the Hotel and Restaurant Employees, like the members of every other AFLCIO union, take real pride in doing good work. — American Federationist.

OPINIONS

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LEPENDORF ANSWER TO FOLEY—ROUND 2

Editor, Labor Journal:

Well, now, wasn't that a typical answer from a union politico? Ask him a question that he doesn't dare answer in the open and he makes snide remarks about the way the questioner parts his hair, wears no tie, spells his name, or goes to church, if at all.

For Insurance Man Foley's information, union card or no, he couldn't get a foot in my door unless he had a sample policy in his hand to show me exactly what I was buying. And that's another point. How come you can buy almost anything in this world and get a good look at a sample, but to buy an insurance policy you have to take the word of an obviously prejudiced salesman, pay up and then wait for a copy to reach you much, much later?

For the edification of your readers, I have at hand a small booklet entitled "Dividend Illustration" published by Metropolitan Life, and right on the cover is a statement thusly: "The dividends shown herein are merely illustrations of the present dividend scale and are NOT GUARANTEES OR ESTIMATES of future results. This fact must be brought to the attention of any person with whom such figures are discussed." The words in capitals are so printed on the booklet. I have another question for Insurance Man Foley: Is this the dividend table to which you referred? The one I never heard of?

I'm sure Insurance Man Foley is a good union man at heart, and for the benefit of all the other union people reading this column (and there are dozens, considering all the comments I've heard this past two weeks) how's about some answers to the original questions from the Insurance Agents Union leader?

1. Where can one apply for \$10.00 of life insurance payable in cash at age 65 for \$100 per annum?

2. How come the loading of the tables so that the selected healthy specimens pay extra premiums (part of which are sometimes returned as dividends)?

3. Why do insurance agents push insurance on non-income, non-family-supporting children? What kind of rationalizing do those good union men use to ease their conscience after fast-talking another union member into a deal like that?

4. How come no exact sample policies?

5. Does Insurance Man Foley really want to know why Lependorf's first name is so spelled? Or why he doesn't part his hair? Or wear a tie? Or why he doesn't go to Foley's church?

Come on, Insurance Man Foley. An honest answer never hurt anyone, except the man who had something to hide.

BERTT LEPENDORF,
Typographical No. 36

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HST MONUMENTS

Because he is so typically an American, Harry Truman has been able to symbolize the meaning of America to all the world. The United Nations, Point Four and the Marshall Plan are his monuments. — Senator Stuart Symington.

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OUTCASTS

Exclusion of farm workers from legislation covering others is a decision to have a depressed, suppressed, outcast people. This concept of splitting the community should be ended. — Rev. Don McConnell of San Jose.